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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 4

Major **Part** B for October 1848

SUBJECT.

Right of planters for Bagani trees toddy for domestic purposes.

Sl. 2 – No: 2797/128 dt 5.10.98 from Excise Commissioner submits his views on the two points, viz:, (1) about fixing bagani trees for the domestic requirements for each individual planter and (2) regarding the alleged manual for free drink to the jetgars and cattle boys of minor planters.

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Inclosed.

Subject No.	Summary of Discussion	Reply of Government	Members Remarks	Remarks
71	Bagui trees :- x x x The proposed new tax on Bagui trees on occupied land does more harm than good. The occupants of such land pay handsome for the same and ought not to be subjected to any restrictions as regards the number of trees to be tapped for their bona-fide use. x x - The prohibition against servants and laborers using toddy of such trees should not be made applicable to pigs and cattle boys to whom by manual free drink is supplied by Mahad landholders.	Under section 15 of the Rules for the grant of lands for coffee cultivation, coffee planters are only entitled to draw toddy from Bagui or other trees in their estates for the making of vinegar or other bona-fide domestic purpose. In fixing the number of trees to be tapped for domestic purposes during a year is fixed at 5, the number will be fixed here with reference to the requirements of each individual planter and intimated to him. x x x As regards the manual allowed of the smaller malnad proprietors furnishing free drink to their peckgars and cattle boys out of toddy drawn from trees in their lands, enquiry will be instituted by Deputy Commissioner and on receipt	Excise Commr Deputy Commissioner through Excise Commr	The Excise Commr's attention has been invited to the subject and he has been requested to submit his report.

Subject No: 72.	Lands containing palmyra trees may be ordered to be given out for cultivation. &c &c.	Complete lists will be prepared and published of lands required to be reserved as toddy groves. Lands not included in them will be available for cultivation and ~~their~~ applications will be disposed of as quickly as possible.	Excise Commissioner	Vide Circular No: 16/1897 of A.-G. No: 1-1/93, for further information.
Subject No: 73.	One half of the tree tax levied by Government may be paid to the owners of the trees tapped x x x. Occupants of both alienated and unalienated lands are entitled to the full benefit of the revenue derived from the trees standing thereon. The tax collected from date trees in Inam villages should go to the Inamdars.	Tree Tax is different from tree rent to which latter owners of lands are entitled. The Scheme will be carefully considered before final orders are passed.	Collector and Excise Commr.	The general question of Inamdars right to Toddy Revenue is pending information as regards the practice obtaining in ~~Madras~~ Madras and Bombay Presidencies ~~as regards Inamdars right to~~ has been called for from the Excise Commr. The Inamdars files are before Govt in connection with the payment of advances for 1897-98.
Subject No: 75.	Illicit manufacture of Akki Bhoja (distillation from toddy) is being carried on to the detriment of the health of many a coolie. This article is openly sold apparently under the permission of Govt: officers as Mohatarfa is levied for the trading =	This will be enquired into.	Excise Commr.	Please see (Serial No: 230 (P.-T. 90 of 93-94) Govt: Proc: Stated in pursuance of Secretary of State's orders that Govt: are not at present prepared to class Akki Bhoja as fermented liquor.

... is finally settled at an early date.

... settled soon.

Subject No: 80 — Patels deserve some remuneration for the services rendered by them to the Forest Department

Noted.

Subject No: 81 — One half of the realizations from the cultivation of ganja may be paid to the ryots concerned.

Noted.

British Government [illegible] for from the Forest Conservator. The file is now before the Board.

The Excise Commissioner was consulted on this question with special reference to Tree-tax System. His opinion that there is no necessity to grant any remuneration has been recorded. Vide Serial Nos: 14, 15, & 26 of Mn. P. 150/97-98.

On account of heavy duties on Ganja in Madras, the Ganja contractor will have to depend on the local produce. He has even been allowed a larger margin of profit by the revised rates. This, it is believed, would better the condition of the cultivators. Can it therefore be said that no action need be taken on the score?

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, 189

Ex. 109.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

THE attention of *The Excise Commr.* is invited to Clause in the margin

to Subject No *71* of the Dassera Representative Assembly Proceedings of *Oct.* 1897 and he is requested to *make arrangements for fixing, with reference to the requirements of each individual planter, the number of Bagaies, trees, required to be tapped by him for domestic purposes during a year.*

2. Reports after investigation required, should be obtained from the Deputy Commrs. of Hassan, Shimoga, the Wynaad Districts and submitted with Excise Commr's opinion, & regards the manual alleged of the Ernakulam malabar proprietors furnishing free drinks to their peons, and cattle coolies of [illegible] Devan peons [illegible]

By order,

The Excise Commr is requested to cause the foregoing to be made by the Deputy Commrs. of Malnad Districts, & obtain their reports thereon for submission at the earliest practicable moment for the orders of Govt.

Secretary.

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From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General Revenue Dept.

Dated 5th October 1898.

Despatched 11th 98

Received

General No. 2757

No 3

Enclosure No.

In reply to Secretary's official
Memo No: 2433/Ex:109, dated 20th ultimo.

SUBJECT.

Submits his views on the two points
referred to in the above, viz (1) about
fixing Bagni trees for the domestic
requirements for each individual
planter and (2) regarding the alleged
demand for free drink to the
jeetgars and cattle boys of
minor planters.

References (To be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

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Referred and complete
please file copy
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Submitted. Decree for
19.10.98 for Orders Megtolgs

No: 2701/173

Excise Commissioner's off
Bangalore, 5th October 1898.

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
General & Revenue Department

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your official Memo No: 2433/Ex:109, dated 20th ultimo, I have the honor to state that under para 6 (c) of Rule IV in Government Notification No: 11676/Ex:476, dated 14th June 1898, arrangements have already been made for fixing the number of Bagni trees to be tapped by each individual planter during a year, for bonafide domestic purposes, such as the making of bread &c, with reference to his requirements. I have ascertained that European Planters scarcely use toddy in making bread, and that they generally use for the purpose, a kind of yeast prepared from plantains.

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2. In regard to para 2 of the official
Memo under reference, I beg to state
that all the points involved were
fully discussed and considered by
Government; and then the revised
Toddy Rules were finally approved
and published by Government under
Notification No: 716/76 / Ex:476 dated 14th June
1898; and that therefore no enquiry
as regards the Kramul alleged by the
smaller Kalkad proprietors for free
drink to their peetgars and cattle boys,
seems necessary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

[illegible]

for Excise Commissioner
&c &c in Mysore